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MIAMI BEACH MAYOR DAVID DERMER HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE AND
RECEPTION FOR THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED
MIAMI BEACH BLACK HOST COMMITTEE

HOST COMMITTEE TO TALK ABOUT INVOLVEMENT IN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

(Miami Beach, FL)—Miami Beach Mayor David Dermer will hold a Press Conference and Welcome Reception for the newly established Miami Beach Black Host Committee (MBBHC). The event will take place on **Thursday, May 22, 2003 at 3 p.m. in the City Hall atrium**. There, he will introduce the committee members and talk about their involvement in the upcoming Memorial Day activities.

The MBBHC was established by Mayor Dermer as a sub-committee of the Miami Beach Blue Ribbon Panel on Tourism. Its' mission is to serve as a welcoming committee for black associated conventions, special events, visitors, and additionally, to assist in the development of community relations for the City. All this comes on the eve of Memorial Day weekend, which could draw as many as 200,000 visitors to the City.

The Mayor introduced the Host Committee to the Miami Beach City Commission in February. Mayor Dermer believes that the economic impact of black tourism is important to the City, "I think it's important to convey a great sense of welcome," he said.

The Committee will host welcome receptions and act as an informational body for black tourists and businesses.

"We realize that we have an important mission and that we must increase the awareness of the contributions made by black tourists and their economic impact on Miami Beach," said Henry Crespo, Sr., Chair of the committee.

The committee has already started to address community relations issues and will continue to focus on strengthening the relationships between black visitors and organizations scheduled for conferences and special events in the City of Miami Beach.

Members:

Charles Byrd
Henry Crespo, Sr.
Christopher Norwood
Jerry Rushin
Jeanette Stanley
Jill Tracey
Elizabeth Williams
Alex Diaz
Edgar Duarte
Tommy Ford,
Karen Jackson
Lawanda Joseph
Stacey Joseph
Ed Ponder